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Government of Tripura
Office of the Chief Secretary
Agartala : Tripura (West)

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NOTIFICATION

In supersession of all other notifications/regulations made and issued in this regard and on this behalf, the State Government in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 is pleased to make the following Regulations regarding COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019):-

1. Short Title & Commencement:-
 - (i) These regulations may be called "The Tripura Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020"
 - (ii) These regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid until further order.
2. Definitions:
 - (i) 'Act' means the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and the Regulations means "The Tripura Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020".
 - (ii) Epidemic Disease in these regulations means COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease, 2019).
 - (iii) "Authorized persons" under these Regulations are Director of Health Services, Director of Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine, Mission Director (National Health Mission), State Surveillance Officer, Chief Medical Officers and District Surveillance officers as authorized by the Health & Family Welfare Department, who shall designate inspecting Officers within their respective jurisdiction.
3. All Hospitals (Government & Private) shall have Influenza Like Illness (ILI) corners/Flu corners for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19 or any other viral illness.
4. All Hospitals (Government & Private) during screening of such cases shall record the history of travel of the person if he/she travels to any country or area where COVID-19 has been reported. In addition, the history of coming in contact with a suspected or a confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be recorded.
 - (i) In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is asymptomatic then the person must be kept in home quarantine for 14 days from the day of exposure.
 - (ii) In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is symptomatic as per case definition of COVID-19, person must be isolated in a hospital as per protocol and will be tested for COVID-19 as per protocol.

- (iii) Information of all such case should be given to office of the District Surveillance Officer of IDSP immediately.
- 5. No person/Institution/Organization will use any print or electronic media or social media for information regarding COVID-19 without prior permission of Health Department, Tripura. This is to avoid spread of any rumor or unauthenticated information regarding COVID-19. In case any person/Institution/Organization is found indulging in such activity it will be treated as a punishable offence under the Act and these Regulations.
- 6. No private laboratories have been authorized to take or test samples for COVID-19 in the State of Tripura. All such samples will be collected as per guidelines and will be tested in the Department of Microbiology, AGMC.
- 7. Any person with a history of travel in last 14 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported, must report to nearest Government Hospital or call at toll free helpline No. 0381-231-5879, so that necessary measures if required may be intimated by the Health Department.
- 8. All persons with a history of travel to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported in last 14 days, but who do not have any symptoms of cough, fever, difficulty in breathing, should isolate themselves at home and cover their mouth and nose with a mask. Such persons must take precautions to avoid contact with any person including family members for 14 days from the date of arrival from such areas.
- 9. Authorized persons as per regulation 2(iii) of these Regulations are authorized under this Act to admit a person and isolate the person if required incase he/she has a history of visit to an area where COVID-19 is epidemic and the concerned person is symptomatic.
- 10. If a suspected person of COVID-19 refuses admission or isolation, the officers authorized in section 2(iii) of these regulations will have powers to forcefully admit and isolate such person for a period of 14 days from the onset of symptoms or till the reports of lab tests are received, or such period as may be necessary.
- 11. In case of COVID-19 are reported from a defined geographic area such as the village, town, ward, colony, settlement, the District Administration of the concerned district shall have the right to implement following containment measures, but not limited to these, in order to prevent spread of the disease.
 - i. Sealing of the geographical area.
 - ii. Barring entry and exist of population from the containment area.
 - iii. Closure of schools, offices, banning of public gatherings.
 - iv. Banning vehicular movement in the area.
 - v. Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases.

- vi. Hospital isolation of all suspected cases.
- vii. Designating any Government/Building as containment unit for isolation of the cases.
- viii. Staff of all Government Departments will be at disposal of District Administration of the concerned area for discharging the duty of containment measures.
- ix. Making compulsory wearing mask including home made washable cloth mask / face cover by any cloth in public /work place or while travelling/ driving.
- x. Restricting no. of commercial vehicles to operate from Bus/Taxi stand.
- xi. Restrictions number of passengers to 50% seating capacity in addition to driver.
- xii. Restricting shops to operate only after ensuring appropriate social distancing measures and avoiding over-crowding through volunteers to regulate shoppers. The shops having frontage less than one meter shall allow only one person at a time, having frontage 1(one) or more but less than 2(two) meters, two persons shall be allowed at a time and so on. Rest may stand behind with a distance of one meter in queue. The shopkeeper and shoppers shall compulsorily wear mask / face covers. Compulsory daily sanitization of area.
- xiii. Any other measures as directed by Health & Family Welfare Department.

12. District Disaster Management Committee (DDMC) is authorized for planning strategy regarding containment measures for COVID-19 in their respective districts. The Committee may co-opt more Officers from different departments as may be required.

13. Penalty: Any person / Institution /Organization found violating any provision of these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed and offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). The District Magistrate of a District, Sub-divisional Magistrate of a Sub-division, Director, Health Services, Director, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine or Police Officer not below the rank of Inspector may impose fine of Rs. 100/- in first violation and Rs. 200/- in subsequent violation. They are also authorized to initiate penal actions against any such person / Institution / Organization found violating these Regulations or any other orders issued by the Government under these Regulations.

14. Protection to person acting under ACT: No suit or legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act unless proved otherwise.

By Order of the Governor


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Chief Secretary
Government of Tripura